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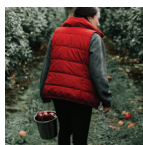
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HOURS OF OPERATION:

Mon - Fri | 9 am - 4 pm

Saturday | 10 am - 4 pm

Sunday & Open Holidays | Noon - 4 pm

Closed Sunday | DEC - FEB

JESTER PARK OUTDOOR RECREATION & WELLNESS CENTER

SUMMER HOURS: (*Memorial Day - Labor Day*)

Thurs - Sat | 10 am - 4 pm

Sunday, Memorial Day,
& Labor Day | Noon - 4 pm

FALL & WINTER HOURS: (*until May 28, 2024*)

Saturday | 10 am - 4 pm

Sunday & Open Holidays | Noon - 4 pm

Closed Sunday | DEC - FEB

*Open extended hours when 6" of snow on ground
for skiing and snowshoeing.*

HOLIDAYS CLOSED:

Presidents' Day

Easter Day

Veterans Day

Thanksgiving Day

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day (*Dec 22-25*)

New Year's Day

Polk County Conservation strives to host inclusive, accessible events and meetings that enable all individuals to participate. If you anticipate needing a modification due to a disability or have questions about accessibility, please contact us at 515-323-5300 or pccb_info@polkcountyiowa.gov.



gratitude *Always*

I know it's customary to make resolutions on January 1, but given everything that will happen in the next 12 months, this season in the life of Polk County Conservation seems like an apt time to think about the future and how we want to approach it.

This fall we have two major construction projects underway at Sleepy Hollow and Athene North Shore Recreation Area at Easter Lake Park; both will be wide open to the public next spring. And speaking of 2024, early next year construction will begin on a single-track bike park along Fourmile Greenway. That is to say nothing of the expected acquisition of Brenton Slough which you can read more about in the following pages.



To make all of this happen the Polk County Conservation staff will have their heads down, working in overdrive. It's how things get done. However, I am resolved to hold up gratitude at the forefront of this vital, fast-paced work. None of these projects would be possible without the support of the Conservation Board, the County Board of Supervisors, and key partners like the Great Outdoors Foundation and the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation. Most importantly, it could not have been done without the support of voters who approved the Polk County Water and Legacy Bond which funds much of the exciting work.

Today and every day, I say, "Thank you," to each group and each individual for your support and commitment to conservation and outdoor recreation.

See you on the trails!

Richard Leopold
Director
Polk County Conservation



2023 Bond Update

GOOD stewards

As part of Conservation's promise of transparency to the voters, this space in Nature News is dedicated to providing updates on projects — large and small — that are funded with bond dollars.

Sometimes the projects supported by Polk County Water & Land Legacy dollars are not very glamorous. They are however vital to maintaining parks and trails that are safe and inviting for the public. After a busy summer of construction, you can now benefit from updated facilities and amenities at a variety of locations.



CHICHAQUA VALLEY TRAIL

New restroom
at trailhead



EASTER LAKE PARK

Picnic table
replacements



JESTER PARK

New restrooms and
showerhouse
Shelter house upgrades



YELLOW BANKS PARK

Nature trail
maintenance

GREAT OUTDOORS FOUNDATION

For more than twenty-five years, the Great Outdoors Foundation has served as a leader in fundraising, development, and collaboration for large outdoor recreation and conservation projects. What many people don't realize, is that we actually started off as a grassroots fundraising group for Polk County Conservation.

Decades later, our partnership with PCC continues to yield some of the most vibrant waterways, trails, and greenspaces that Central Iowa has to offer. The dollars stewarded by the Great Outdoors Foundation are strategically invested in three targeted areas: environmental conservation, inclusion &

accessibility, and health, education & wellness. Fortunately, PCC offers no shortage of innovative initiatives to support. In fact, last year we gave more than \$700,000 to PCC and its objectives.

As our organizations continue to grow and develop, our symbiotic relationship only strengthens. We look forward to the next twenty-five years as we, along with our partners at Polk County Conservation, continue to pursue excellence in outdoor recreation and conservation spaces — right here in our own backyard.

If you are one of the millions of visitors who enjoy PCC's parks and programming and would like to support our efforts, please scan the QR code to the right. Our team is passionate about connecting donors with the areas of impact most aligned with their individual passions. Together, we're providing

exceptional opportunities to restore natural spaces, foster outdoor recreation, and build passion for nature for generations to come.

Hannah Inman, CEO
Great Outdoors Foundation
GreatOutdoorsFoundation.org



Learn More or Donate

BASKING IN THE

ENERGY PRODUCING SUN

The switch has been flipped and all solar panels at eleven Polk County Conservation sites are now producing energy. Working through a contractor who will own and maintain the equipment, Polk County Conservation paid no money up-front. The effort will offset more than 95 percent of energy use while eliminating around 200 metric tons of CO2 emissions each year.

This is just one aspect of Polk County Conservation's efforts to lead the way in sustainability.

A committee of employees is driving change to:

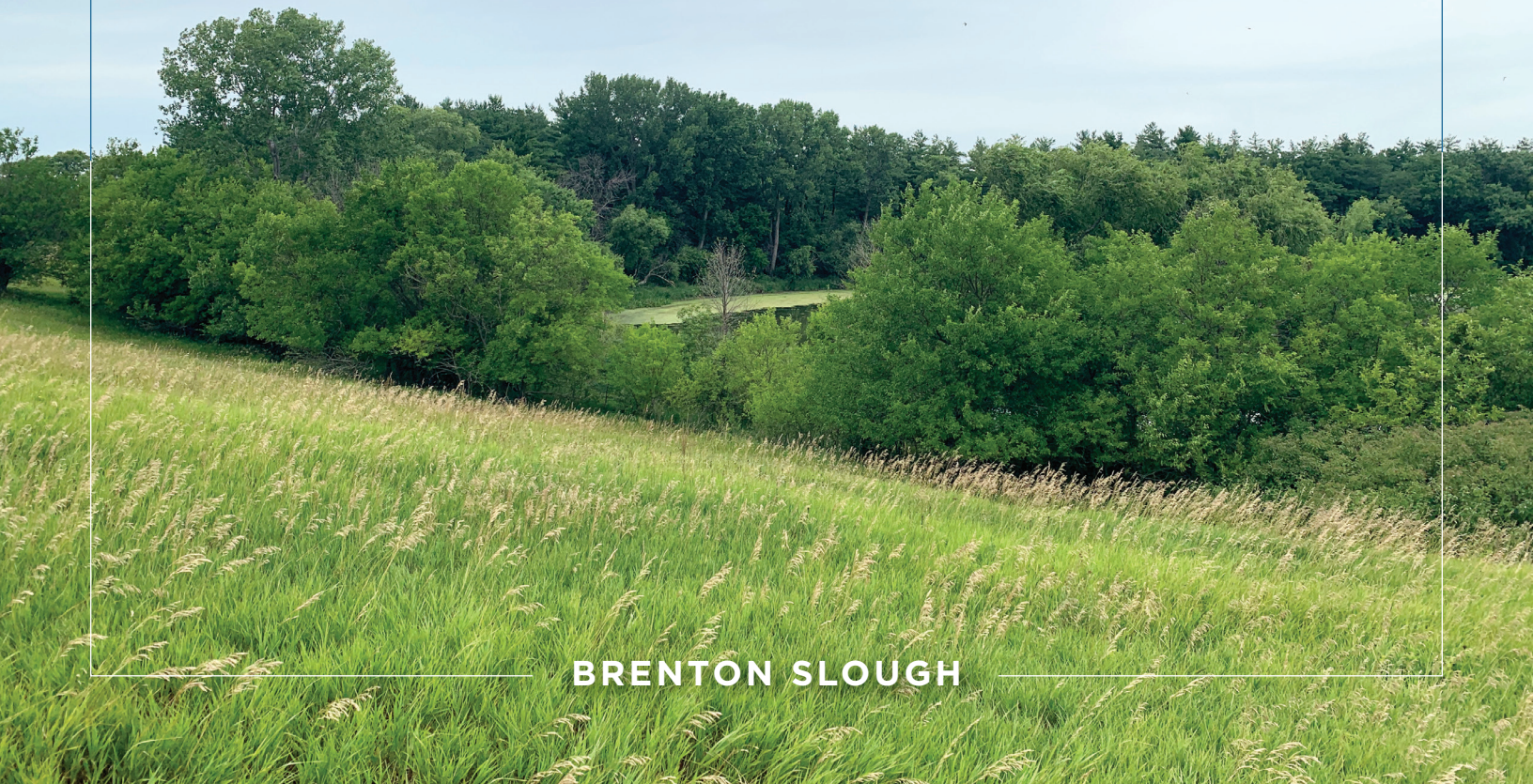
- 1 transition the fleet of vehicles to electric by 2030,
- 2 use cisterns to recycle water whenever and wherever possible,
- 3 install electric vehicle charging stations at parks across the county to facilitate public access, and
- 4 create more sustainable business and park operations — from recycling to technology enhancements to construction.



These efforts will all take time and intention. But the consensus among staff is that these sustainability projects are vital ways Polk County Conservation can live the organization's mission of protecting the community's natural heritage.



1,100-acre Sized **Promise** to **Future Generations**



BRENTON SLOUGH

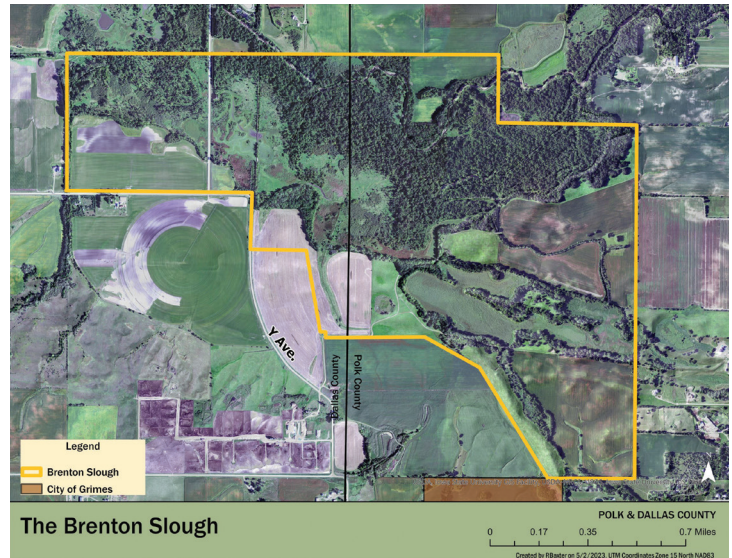
*Preparing for
the largest
single land
acquisition in
Polk County
Conservation
history.*

With rapid development happening in every corner, there are fewer and fewer places in Polk County where you can stand and feel completely immersed in nature. So, when an opportunity comes along to protect a unique space full of migratory birds, oak savanna, rare water formations and untold wildlife, you seize it.

Thanks in great part to the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation, in the near future Polk County Conservation will proudly take ownership of 1,114 acres of land referred to as the Brenton Slough. It will be the single largest land acquisition in Polk County Conservation history.

"It will certainly be a defining moment in the organization's history," said Richard Leopold, Director of Polk County Conservation. "The Brenton family has done an incredible job of caring for the land and we are humbled that they trust us to protect it for generations to come."

This last summer, Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation purchased the property from the Brenton family. In order to transfer ownership to Polk County Conservation, the non-profit entity must first secure \$8 million to shore up its loans. Polk County Conservation has identified \$3 million in funding for the project, and Kenneth Rutledge Brenton and family have donated an additional \$500 thousand. Now Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation



has set an ambitious goal to raise the remaining \$4.5 million through a public donation campaign and grants.

“We were honored to be invited to the table,” says Joe McGovern, President of Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation. “This is a very special place with a rich history.”

Thirty-two members of the Brenton family have been contemplating for years what the best future of the property would be. “It became apparent to the family that the land should be held in perpetuity by an entity that can assure its preservation,” wrote Ken Brenton. “We wanted a partner that could assure its preservation and provide it to the community as an asset to be protected and experienced.”

The main body of water on the property meets the national definition of a slough — one of only

fifteen mapped as such in Iowa. The 52 acres of water there tends to be stagnant or flowing slowly on a seasonal basis, with its deepest point only around three feet. This type of water formation is incredibly beneficial for maintaining water quality in the area. It’s also a highly coveted habitat for more species of birds and invertebrates than you can imagine.

“Ken’s and my family have owned [Brenton Slough] together since the ‘90s,” said Bill Brenton. “We wanted to make it into a park, keep it as natural as we can and keep as much of the wildlife as we can. It is important to us to preserve the naturalness, the rustic-ness of it. We wanted to preserve this forever and this is a great way to do it.”

Honoring the Brenton family wishes, and adhering to its organizational mission, Polk County Conservation plans to keep the area as wild as

possible while also facilitating minimally intrusive recreation. In the years ahead you will likely see nature trails developed, infrastructure for birders built, and occasional educational events. All will be created with the goal of preserving the slough for generations, of people and wildlife, to come.

To learn even more about the history of Brenton Slough or invest in the protection of this vast wildlife area, visit INHF.org or scan the QR code.



Special thanks to the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation for its contributions to this article.



In some very significant park locations across the county you'll see more earth movers than people recreating. The projects that are now — or soon will be — under construction fulfill commitments made to county officials, community organizers, business leaders, and most importantly the people who live and recreate in Polk County. Simply put, these projects help lead even more people outdoors.

MOVING DIRT



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MAKING PLANS

ATHENE NORTH SHORE RECREATION AREA

Located at Easter Lake Park, this site has been designed to be the most universally accessible park in the nation. It will feature amenities that not only facilitate, but promote recreation for people of all abilities. This fall construction continues. With major earth work complete, buildings will start to take shape. The opening is set for spring 2024.

SLEEPY HOLLOW SPORTS PARK

Contractors worked quickly over the summer moving dirt and laying concrete. Now that the site is prepped, this fall workers will be carefully installing an all-weather surface called Snowflex, a new conveyor lift, and lights on the tubing hill. Once complete, the tubing hill at Sleepy Hollow will host families in all seasons. Yes — you will even be able to slide down the hill in heat of summer!

FUTURE MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK

Contributing to the evolution of the Fourmile Greenway, a single-track bike park is planned for the county's east side. The 40-acre park will include terrain and features appealing to mountain bikers and trail runners. Set in a timber stand it will be a favorite among birders as well. Conservation staff have been working this year to clear the land of invasive trees and prep for construction in spring 2024.

These are just a few of the projects under development. Look for updates at LeadingYouOutdoors.org.





LEARN ENGAGE PLAY

FALL/WINTER PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Refer to the QR Code OR visit LeadingYouOutdoors.org to get detailed descriptions and to register. For any questions, call 515-323-5300 or email us at pccb_info@polkcountyia.gov.

07
SEPT

Toddler Tales – Monarchs

10–10:30 am
Jester Park Nature Center
Ages: 3–6 | FREE | No registration required

09
SEPT

Global Migrations – African Elephants

10:30 am–Noon
Jester Park Nature Center
All ages | FREE | No registration required

10
SEPT

Monarch Tagging

1–2:30 pm
Jester Park Nature Center
All ages | FREE | No registration required

13
SEPT

Mornings in the Garden

9 am–Noon
Jester Park
All ages | FREE | Register by Noon, Sept 12

13
SEPT

Knee-High Naturalists – Insects

10–11 am
Jester Park Nature Center
Ages: 3–6 | FREE | Register by Sept 12

WAGON
RIDES

OCT: 1, 14, 21–22

NOV: 4–5, 12, 18–19, 25, 26

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS
10 am, 11 am, 1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm

Jester Park Equestrian Center
45 min | \$150/group
Registration Required

APPLE
FEST

SEPT 19

7 am–6:30 pm
Nebraska City, NE

Recommended ages 18+
\$125/person

Includes:
transportation,
lunch, & tour fees

Register
by Sept 5

eco-bus trip

ALL PROGRAM DETAILS
SCAN HERE



18
SEPT

Hike for Health

9:30–10:30 am
Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt
Ages: 10+ | FREE | Register by Sept 17

19
SEPT

Women in the Woods with Wine – Prairie Seed Harvest

7–9 pm | Jester Park Nature Center
Ages 21+ | \$15/person | Register by Sept 17

20
SEPT

Story Tellabration – Busy, Busy, Animals

10–10:30 am | Jester Park Nature Center
Ages 2+ | FREE | No registration required

21
SEPT

Pollinator House Workshop

6–7 pm
Outdoor Rec & Wellness Center
All ages | \$5/person | *Register by Sept 15*

VOLUNTEER

22
SEPT

Sunset Seed Harvest

6–8:30 pm
Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt
All ages | FREE | *Register by Noon, Sept 21*

VOLUNTEER

26
SEPT

Mornings in the Garden

9 am–Noon
Jester Park
All ages | FREE | *Register by Noon, Sept 25*

26
SEPT

Sunset Yoga at Jester Park Nature Center

6:30–8 pm | Jester Park Nature Center
Ages 12+ | \$15/person | *Register by Sept 24*

VOLUNTEER



SEPT 30 | 2–6 pm

Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt

All ages | FREE

Participate in collecting native seeds, fun activities, wildlife education, and a guided prairie tour by hayrack. Complete the day with a campfire dinner & dessert. Free group tent camping for those registered.

Register by Noon, Sept 29

29
SEPT

Family Fun Night

6–8 pm | Outdoor Rec & Wellness Center
All ages | \$5/person | under 4, FREE
No registration required

30
SEPT

Shinrin Yoku

1–3 pm
Jester Park, Shelter #5
Ages 12+ | \$15/person | *Register by Sept 28*

03
OCT

Sustainability Sensibilities

6:30–7:30 pm
Jester Park Nature Center
Ages 12+ | FREE | *Register by Oct 1*

05
OCT

Toddler Tales – Squirrels

10–10:30 am
Jester Park Nature Center
Ages: 3–6 | FREE | *No registration required*

14
OCT

Geocache Pumpkin Hunt

1–2:30 pm
Thomas Mitchell Park, Pond Parking Lot
Ages 3–14 | \$5/person | *Register by Oct 11*

15
OCT

Shinrin Yoku

1–3:30 pm
Brown's Woods Park
Ages 12+ | \$15/person | *Register by Oct 13*

16
OCT

Hike for Health

9:30–10:30 am
Yellow Banks Park, Prairie View Shelter
Ages 10+ | FREE | *Register by Oct 15*

Forage to Feast

@ the Jester Park Nature Center

SEPT 23

4:30–8 pm
\$150/guest



Millie Blue

Luna

Chef Derek Eidson and the Django culinary team have partnered with us for this exclusive dinner experience, benefitting the new education raptors at the Jester Park Nature Center.

A festive night of hors d'oeuvres and a four course family style meal combines foraged wild edibles with locally raised meats. Feast with us while we explain what is being cooked for you, where it came from, and meet our new education ambassadors.



17
OCT

**Women in the Woods with Wine -
Halloween Horrors!**

7-9 pm | Jester Park Nature Center
Ages 21+ | \$15/person | *Register by Oct 15*

18
OCT

Story Tellabration - *Leaves are Falling*

10-10:30 am
Jester Park Nature Center
Ages 2+ | FREE | *No registration required*

21
OCT

Bat House Building

9-10 pm | Ages 10+ (w/ adult)
Jester Park Outdoor Rec & Wellness Center
\$25/person | *Register by Oct 13*

VOLUNTEER

**MOONLIGHT
SEED HARVEST**

OCT 21

5-8:30 pm

Chichaqua Bottoms
Greenbelt
All ages | FREE

Register by Oct 20



**SEPT 5 -
DEC 25,
2023**

**JESTER
PARK
NATURE
CENTER**

*The Galleries
presents*

Moments in Time

Featuring
Laura Travnicek - Portrait Painter
Mary Otis - Wood Artist

SCAN FOR TICKETS:



PURCHASE TICKETS AT
GROWWILD.IOWA.COM



SEPTEMBER 16, 2023 | 10AM - 4PM

**Live
Music**

**Face
Painting**

**Prairie
Tours**

**S'more
Roasting**

**Archery
& More**

LOCATED @ JESTER PARK NATURE CENTER

ALL PROGRAM DETAILS
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ECO BUS TRIP
WINTERSET, IA
OCT 11 | 7:30 am–5:30 pm



FAMOUS IOWANS, ALPACAS,

BRIDGES & QUILTS
\$120/person for transportation, lunch & tours
Register by Sept 27
Ages 18+



21 OCT **Bats**
 11 am–Noon
 Jester Park Nature Center
 All ages | FREE | *No registration required*

21 OCT **Wizards in the Wild**
 6–9 pm
 Jester Park Nature Center
 All ages | \$5/person | *Register by Oct 15*

25 OCT **Knee-High Naturalists – Leaf Explorations**
 10–11 am | Jester Park, Shelter #5
 Ages: 3–6 | FREE | *Register by Oct 24*

VOLUNTEER **25 OCT** **Lunch and Learn – Iowa Forests & You**
 Noon–1 pm
 Virtual Event
 All ages | FREE | *Register by Noon, Oct 24*

VOLUNTEER **26 OCT** **Sunset Seed Harvest**
 5:30–7:30 pm
 Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt
 All ages | FREE | *Register by Noon, Oct 25*

27 OCT **Nature Center After Dark – Halloween**
 6:30–7:30 pm
 Jester Park Nature Center
 All ages | FREE | *No registration required*



GUIDED TRAIL RIDES

SEPT: 1–30
OCT: 6–21
FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS
 9:30 am, 11 am, 2 pm
Jester Park Equestrian Center
 Ages: 8+ | \$75/rider
Registration Required

28 OCT **Introduction to Water Color**
 10:30 am–3 pm
 Jester Park Nature Center
 Ages: 16+ | \$45/person | *Register by Oct 13*

28 OCT **Full Moon Hike**
 6:30–8 pm
 Thomas Mitchell Park, Pond Parking Lot
 All ages | FREE | *No registration required*

29 OCT **Wild Pride – Fall Hike**
 1–2:30 pm
 Brown's Woods Park
 All ages | FREE | *No registration required*

01 NOV **Toddler Tales – Owls**
 10–10:30 am
 Jester Park Nature Center
 Ages: 3–6 | FREE | *No registration required*



 **Horses Helping Heroes**

A program specifically designed to help our Veterans.

FALL SESSIONS
 Jester Park Equestrian Center
Registration Required | FREE | All Ages

1 CO-ED Wednesdays 6–8 pm Sept 6 – Oct 25 Nov 8 – Dec 20	2 CARRIAGE DRIVING Tuesdays 12:30–2:30 pm Sept 12 – Oct 31
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HOME SCHOOL

Grades: K-5 | FREE | Jester Park Nature Center

Registration opens one month prior,
register by one day prior

10-11 am & 1-2 pm:

SEPT 8: *Leaf Investigations*

OCT 6: *Unhuggables*

NOV 3: *Artifacts and Atl-Atl's*

DEC 1: *Music & Movement*

10-11:30 am & 1-2:30 pm:

SEPT 15: *Soils*

OCT 13: *Bacteria*

NOV 17: *All About Fish*

DEC 15: *Chemistry Mysteries*



VOLUNTEER

03
NOV

Brown's Woods - Woodland Invaders

10 am-3 pm | Brown's Woods
All ages (age restrictions on some tool use)
FREE | Register by Noon, Nov 2

03
NOV

Wild Night Life and Hike

6-7:30 pm
Jester Park Nature Center
Ages: 5+ | \$5/person | Register by Nov 1

VOLUNTEER

04
NOV

Brown's Woods - Woodland Invaders

10 am-1 pm | Brown's Woods
All ages (age restrictions on some tool use)
FREE | Register by Noon, Nov 3

04
NOV

Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead)

10:30 am-Noon
Jester Park Nature Center
All ages | FREE | Register by Nov 2

04
NOV

Owls of Iowa

1-2 pm
Jester Park Nature Center
All ages | FREE | No registration required

05
NOV

Critter Club

1-2:30 pm
Jester Park Nature Center
All ages | FREE | No registration required

06
NOV

Journey with the Rave - Guided Meditation

6-7:30 pm | Jester Park Nature Center
Ages 14+ | \$15/person | Register by Nov 5

08
NOV

Knee-High Naturalists - Dinosaurs!

10-11 am
Jester Park Nature Center
Ages 3-6 | FREE | Register by Nov 7

VOLUNTEER

09
NOV

Brown's Woods - Woodland Invaders

10 am-3 pm | Brown's Woods
All ages (age restrictions on some tool use)
FREE | Register by Noon, Nov 8

09
NOV

Horse Whispers in the Woods

6 pm
Jester Park Equestrian Center
Ages 21+ | \$35/person | Register Required

OWLS

OLDER, WISER, LIVELIER SENIORS

11 am - Noon | Jester Park Nature Center
Ages: 12+ | FREE | No registration required

SEPT 5: Polk County Conservation
Volunteer Program

OCT 3: Department of Natural Resources
Urban Fisheries Program

NOV 7: Iowa Natural Heritage
Foundation

DEC 5: Iowa Woodpeckers

ALL PROGRAM DETAILS
SCAN HERE





10 am–3 pm | Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt
All Ages | FREE | *Registration Required*

SEPT 8: The Harvest Hustle
OCT 6: The Harvest Hustle
OCT 13: The Harvest Hustle
NOV 17: The Honesuckle Hustle
(Brown's Woods only)

VOLUNTEER

VOLUNTEER

14
NOV

Save the Fort – Shoreline Invaders

10 am–3 pm | Fort Des Moines Park
All ages (*age restrictions on some tool use*)
FREE | *Register by Nov 13*

17
NOV

Family Fun Night

6–8 pm | Outdoor Rec & Wellness Center
All ages | \$5/person | under 4, FREE
No registration required

18
NOV

Global Migrations – Whooping Cranes

10:30 am–Noon | Jester Park Nature Center
All ages | FREE | *No registration required*

21
NOV

Women in the Woods with Wine – Landforms and Geology of Iowa

7–9 pm | Jester Park Nature Center
Ages 21+ | \$15/person | *Register by Nov 19*

VOLUNTEER

01
DEC

Brown's Woods – Woodland Invaders

10 am–3 pm | Brown's Woods
All ages (*age restrictions on some tool use*)
FREE | *Register by Noon, Nov 30*

02
DEC

Raptors of Iowa

10:30 am – Noon
Jester Park Nature Center
All ages | FREE | *No registration required*



VOLUNTEER

05
DEC

Save the Fort – Shoreline Invaders

10 am–3 pm | Fort Des Moines Park
All ages (*age restrictions on some tool use*)
FREE | *Register by Dec 4*

07
DEC

Toddler Tales – Stars

10–10:30 am
Jester Park Nature Center
Ages: 3–6 | FREE | *No registration required*

08
DEC

Nature Center After Dark – Pajama Party

6–7 pm | Jester Park Nature Center
All ages | FREE | *No registration required*

09
DEC

Holiday Wreath Making

9–10:30 am
Outdoor Rec & Wellness Center
Ages 12+ | \$30/person | *Register by Dec 1*

09
DEC

Indoor Kayaking

2–4 pm | Trail Point Aquatic & Wellness,
2006 Ankeny Blvd. Building 5, Ankeny
Ages 12+ | \$25/person | *Register by Dec 1*



09
DEC

Needle Felting

Noon-2:30 pm | Ages 10+ (w/ adult)
Jester Park Nature Center
\$45/person | *Register by Dec 1*

13
DEC

Knee-High Naturalists – *Playing with Shadows*

10-11 am | Jester Park Nature Center
Ages: 3-6 | FREE | *Register by Dec 12*

13
DEC

Hike and Hot Cocoa

4-5:30 pm
Jester Park Nature Center
All ages | FREE | *Register by Dec 12*

16
DEC

The Holidays – *Around the World*

10 am-1 pm
Jester Park Nature Center
All ages | FREE | *No registration required*

19
DEC

Women in the Woods with Wine – *Tracks, Scat and other Wildlife Signs*

7-9 pm | Jester Park Nature Center
Ages 21+ | \$15/person | *Register by Dec 17*

20
DEC

Story Tellabration – *Hibernation Station*

10-10:30 am | Jester Park Nature Center
Ages 2+ | FREE | *No registration required*

21
DEC

Winter Solstice Hike

5:30-6:30 pm
Jester Park Nature Center
All ages | FREE | *No registration required*



LET IT SNOW

DECEMBER 18 - JANUARY 5

Ten snowflakes are hiding in the trees near the Jester Park Nature Center. Take a hike to find as many as you can! Stop at the nature center for a map and more snowflake fun.

Share what you find on social media
#JPSNOW

PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE THE SNOWFLAKES YOU FIND. LEAVE THEM FOR THE NEXT PERSON.

WINTER BREAK

PROGRAM SERIES

DEC 26:
Snow & Ice Science

DEC 27:
Home for the Holidays

DEC 28:
Wildlife Tree Decorating

DEC 29: Tails by the Fire

Jester Park Nature Center
10 am – 11 am
FREE | All ages | *Register by Dec 25*

27
DEC

Critter Club

1-2:30 pm | All ages
Jester Park Nature Center
FREE | *No registration required*

28
DEC

Superheroes of Nature

1-2 pm | All ages
Jester Park Nature Center
FREE | *No registration required*

VOLUNTEER

Prairie Seed Harvest

Chichaqua Bottoms
Greenbelt
All ages | FREE

10 am-Noon

SEPT: 9

10 am-3 pm

SEPT: 5, 12, 20, 22

OCT: 3, 10, 17, 19

Registration Required

RESTORATION
DAYS

ALL PROGRAM DETAILS
SCAN HERE





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Granger, IA 50109

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1. Beaver Creek Greenbelt
2. Brown's Woods
3. Carney Marsh
4. Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt
5. Chichaqua Valley Trail
6. Easter Lake Park
7. Eagle Roost Wildlife Area
8. Engeldinger Marsh
9. Fort Des Moines Park
10. Fourmile Creek Greenway
11. Gay Lea Wilson Trail
12. Great Western Trail
13. High Trestle Trail
14. Jester Park
15. Lauridsen Skatepark
16. Mally's Park
17. Mark C. Ackelson Trail
18. Oralabor Gateway Trail
19. Strasser Woods State Preserve
20. Sycamore Trails
21. Thomas Mitchell Park
22. Trestle to Trestle Trail
23. Yellow Banks Park